

Boys and girls of the Ormondville Church district had been invited to bring a wreath of flowers or a sprig of Rosemary to place at the foot of the tablet on which are the "names" of 14 Ormondville soldiers whose graves are in France. This was responded to so well that the church was filled to overflowing with the Sunday School children, their parents and friends; indeed several could not find room although the aisle was filled and the first step of the chancel. During the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers" children to the number of over 100 marched down the aisle, and left their floral offerings or wreaths at the foot of the tablet, the Boy Scouts taking the lead. In an address to the young people, the Vicar endeavored to direct their minds to the teaching of the flowers, and said:—"As our Master drew lessons from the 'lilies of the field,' so our flower services may teach us of the care, and the dependence we should have in our Heavenly Father's Love."

The superintendents of the Sunday Schools at Makotuku and Whetukura, and their scholars were enabled to attend, as several friends had provided the means of conveyance.

On the following Monday the wreaths, etc., were taken to the cemetery and placed on the only soldier's grave in it. As there were more than could be laid on this grave, the remainder was distributed among three other grave plots, where the families had a brave boy "lying among the poppies."

Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne.

Vicar: Rev. H. Paeke, M.A.

Assistant Priest: Rev. T. A. Cato.

Easter has passed with happy and well attended services. The church was full for Choral Evensong. The Vicar wishes to thank all parishioners for their liberal Easter offering. We are extremely sorry that the Rev. F. G. Hunt has had temporarily to relinquish his help, but we hope it won't be for long. The Rev. H. L. Fenn, of Essex House School, has most kindly assisted on several occasions lately. The annual meeting of parishioners of Holy Trinity Church for the election of officers for the Vestry was held on May 8th. There was a fairly good attendance. The following were elected:—Vicar's churchwarden, Dr. J. W. Williams; people's churchwarden, Mr C. E. Armstrong; vestry, Messrs F. W. Nolan, F. de Lautour, F. H. Mann, T. Ellery, A. L. Muir, H. Cato, H. A. Dobson, J. Renwick, F. R. Hill, F. Redfern. Three Synodsmen were elected, namely, Messrs C. A. de Lautour, T. Ellery and R. Barker. The various reports and balance-sheets showed good progress had been made

during the year. Votes of thanks were given to Mr L. Redward, treasurer, and Mr V. Pyke, auditor. The Vicar commented upon the splendid services of the different organisations, which were working smoothly, and with a high moral tone. Dr. Williams moved a vote of thanks to those ladies who brought to so successful a result the great Christmas Fair, which had so substantially assisted the finances of the church (the amount being £1089). The motion was seconded and carried by acclamation. The balance-sheet of the vestry showed a greater support in the suburban churches and the centre church. The Vicar appealed for help towards the Stipend Fund, so that the staff of clergy may be increased, and to see one priest resident in each of the three suburbs.

St. Matthew's, Hastings.

Vicar: Rev. R. T. Hall.

Assistant Curate: Rev. O. Gibson.

The opening service of the G.F.S. was held on April 20th, when a very fine address was given by the Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst.

In the absence of Mr Gibson, the Rev. F. Bennett kindly assisted on May 7th, taking the evening service.

The annual meeting was held on May 10th. There was a good attendance of parishioners, about 200 being present. Mr E. H. Williams was re-elected Vicar's warden, and Mr G. Ebbett people's warden. The following were elected vestrymen:—Messrs McNeil, Holderness, Hamilton, Vyner, Morrison, Kirkham, Fowler, Hallett, Glenny, and Dr. Toss-will. The statement of accounts shows a small credit balance on the year's working.

The usual monthly meeting of the Gleaners' Union took place in April, Miss Kenway reading a very interesting paper.

A social afternoon was organised by the Mothers' Union on May 2nd. Musical items were rendered, and altogether a most successful and enjoyable time was spent.

Before leaving Hastings for Australia Mrs Anderson, who until recently was treasurer of the G.F.S., was made the recipient of a parting gift by members of the Society. Mrs Anderson and family carry with them the best wishes of the congregation.

The Sunday School children gave a very successful concert on May 16th, the hall being packed to overflowing.

Waipiro Bay.

Vicar: Rev. J. Pigott.

We had perfect weather for Easter and the services at Tokomaru Bay and Waipiro Bay were all well attended. Unfortunately it was not

possible to have services at any of our other centres. The Vicar takes this opportunity of thanking parishioners for their kindly Easter offerings, which were very much appreciated. The annual meeting of the Tuparoa congregation was held after Evensong on May 7th, and the old committee was unanimously re-elected to represent their district, namely, Messrs Dalgairns (hon. treasurer), Morris (hon. secretary), Kirk and White.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation was held after Evensong on May 4th. It was decided not to elect a committee for the ensuing year, but Mr S. A. Brydon was unanimously elected secretary and treasurer. Any business in connection with the building or site is to be done as it arises by congregational meetings.

The Vicar wishes to inform all those who receive "Gazettes" in this parish that the Vestry have paid for all copies up to the December issue.

St. Andrew's, Port Ahuriri.

Vicar: Rev. F. B. Redgrave, M.A.

The annual meeting passed off successfully. The balance-sheet showed a small credit. The annual report mentioned that during the year a branch of the G.F.S. and a Literary Society had been started, and that these, with all the other parish organisations, had done good work. A promising feature was the number of young people who were interesting themselves in the work of the parish. Messrs A. E. Drew and F. Smith were appointed churchwardens and Mr H. J. Hull elected as Synodsmen.

The matter of a parish car was freely discussed at the annual meeting, when everyone admitted that a car was a necessity, but the difficulty was to raise the money. A surprise was sprung on the meeting by a lady who stated that she had for some months been making various articles such as book-markers, and had thus raised £17 to go towards purchasing a parish car. It was then decided to start a fund, which it is hoped will grow rapidly notwithstanding the hard times.

There is already a lot of unemployment in the Port and Westshore districts, and there will undoubtedly be a lot of distress during the winter months. The Vicar is always pleased to receive gifts of used clothing to distribute to deserving families provided the clothes are clean and sound.

Taradale.

Vicar: Rev. Canon A. P. Clarke.

Mr John Harrison, a very old identity, died at his residence a few weeks ago. Our sympathy goes out to his